

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7 to 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A printing control method of converting original data into print data processible by a printing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

displaying a first setting screen to set a basic attribute to be applied to whole print data and a second setting screen to set a back-side attribute to be applied to a plurality of pages which correspond to not the front sides of printing media but to the back sides of the printing media output in the double-sided printing;

~~comparing a size of a first printable region identified by setting the basic attribute in response to reception of an instruction to decide the basic attribute received via the first setting screen with a size of a second printable region identified by setting the back-side attribute for the plurality of pages which correspond not to the front sides of the printing media but to the back sides of the printing media in response to reception of a single instruction to decide the back-side attribute received via the second setting screen; [[and]]~~

~~sending the size of the first printable region to an application when it is determined in the comparing step that the first printable region is bigger than the size of the second printable region;~~

~~sending the size of the second printable region to the application when it is determined in the comparing step that the second printable region is bigger than the size of the first printable region; and~~

generating the print data based on the basic attribute, the back-side attribute and the original data generated based on the sent size.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the generating step, the basic attribute is applied for an item other than an item having the back-side attribute.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the generating step, the back-side attribute is applied to, as a unit, one side of the sheet serving as a printing medium.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the generating step, metadata generated by an operating system is converted into the print data in accordance with the basic attribute and the back-side attribute while the back-side attribute is preferentially applied.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the generating step, while the basic attribute and the back-side attribute are referred to, various parameters necessary to convert a page corresponding to a front side of a sheet and various parameters necessary to convert a page corresponding to a back side of a sheet are loaded in advance, and the parameters are alternately referred to in converting the pages.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein, in the generating step, every time a page of interest is to be converted, various parameters for use are loaded and referred to by referring to the basic attribute and the back-side attribute.

7. to 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A printing control apparatus which converts original data into print data processible by a printing apparatus, comprising:

a display unit configured to display a first setting screen to set a basic attribute to be applied to whole print data and a second setting screen to set a back-side attribute to be applied to a plurality of pages which correspond not to the front sides of the printing media but to the back sides of the printing media output in the double-sided printing;

a comparison first-setting unit configured to compare a size of a first printable region identified by ~~set the basic attribute in response to reception of an instruction to decide the~~ basic attribute received via the first setting screen with a size of a second printable region identified by; ~~a second-setting unit configured to set the back-side attribute for the plurality of pages which correspond not to the front sides of the printing media but to the back sides of the printing media in response to the reception of a single instruction to decide the back-side attribute~~ received via the second setting screen; [[and]]

a first sending unit configured to send the size of the first printable region to an application when it is determined by said comparison unit that the first printable region is bigger than the size of the second printable region;

a second sending unit configured to send the size of a second printable region to the application when it is determined by said comparison unit that the second printable region is bigger than the size of the first printable region in the comparing; and

a generating unit configured to generate the print data based on the basic attribute, the back-side attribute and the original data generated based on the sent size.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for recording a program for converting original data into print data processible by a printing apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:

displaying a first setting screen to set a basic attribute applied to whole print data and a second setting screen to set a back-side attribute applied to a plurality of pages which correspond to not the front sides of the printing media but to the back sides of the printing media output in the double-sided printing;

comparing a size of a first printable region identified by setting the basic attribute in response to reception of an instruction to decide the basic attribute received via the first setting screen with a size of a second printable region identified by setting the back-side attribute for the plurality of pages which correspond to not the front sides of the printing media but to the back sides of the printing media in response to reception of a single instruction to decide the back-side attribute received via the second setting screen; [[and]]

sending the size of the first printable region to an application when it is determined in the comparing step that the first printable region is bigger than the size of the second printable region;

sending the size of a second printable region to the application when it is determined in the comparing step that the second printable region is bigger than the size of the first printable region; and

generating the print data based on the basic attribute, the back-side attribute and the original data generated based on the sent size.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the instruction to decide the basic attribute via the first setting screen is issued by a user operating an OK button on the first setting screen, and the instruction to decide the back-side attribute via the second setting screen is issued by a user operating an OK button on the second setting screen.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the instruction to decide the basic attribute via the first setting screen is issued by a user operating an OK button on the first setting screen, and the instruction to decide the back-side attribute via the second setting screen is issued by a user operating an OK button on the second setting screen.

21. (Previously presented) The medium according to Claim 17, wherein the instruction to decide the basic attribute via the first setting screen is issued by a user operating an

OK button on the first setting screen, and the instruction to decide the back-side attribute via the second setting screen is issued by a user operating an OK button on the second setting screen.